NASA WIRING FOR SPACE APPLICATIONS PROGRAM TEST RESULTS

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FY '94 - '95 Testing Activities McDonnell Aerospace/TRW

To begin examination of mechanical and electrical properties of PFPI insulation.

• Tests: AC Corona: 400 Hz, sea level & 60,000 ft.

Time/Current to Smoke

Wire Fusing Time

Abrasion Resistance: 25°C & 150°C

Dynamic Cut Through Notch Propagation Weight Loss (Outgassing)

• **Principal** Jim Ide

Objective:

Investigator: McDonnell Douglas Aerospace - East

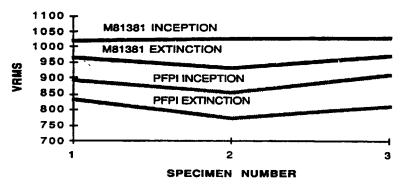
• **Note:** Immature manufacturing status of the PFPI

material for wiring use resulted in degraded

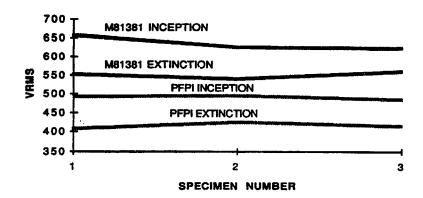
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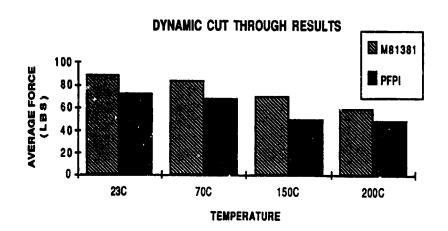
observing test results.

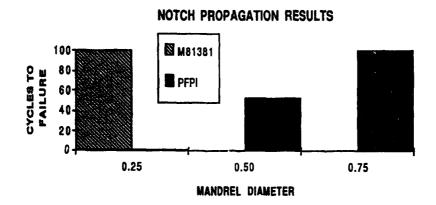
CORONA RESULTS AT SEA LEVEL



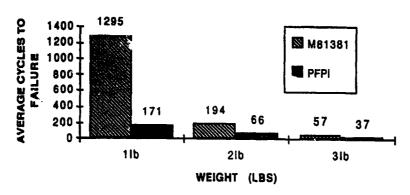
CORONA RESULTS AT ALTITUDE



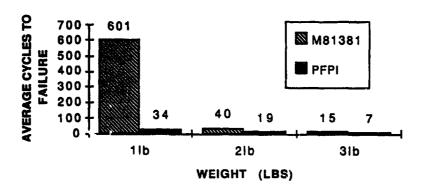




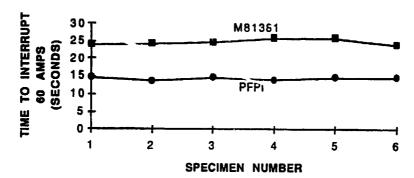
ABRASION RESULTS AT AMBIENT



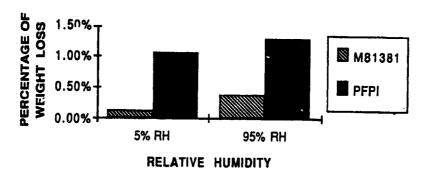
ABRASION RESULTS AT 150 DEGREES C

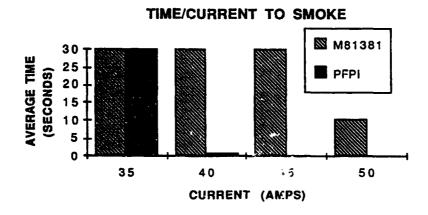


WIRE FUSING TIME



WEIGHT LOSS/OUTGASSING





Conclusions

- PFPI & MIL-W-81381/7 similar for AC Corona and Dynamic Cut Through
- All other tests, PFPI did not perform well
- PFPI manufacturing process needs to be upgraded

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FY '94 - '95 Testing Activities University of Buffalo

Investigate the electrical breakdown properties of the candidate wire insulation constructions. Objective:

Dielectric Strength: 23°C, 200°C Tests:

Time To Breakdown: 400 Hz, 200°C

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Javaid Laghari and Jayant Suthar Principal State University of New York at Buffalo Investigators:

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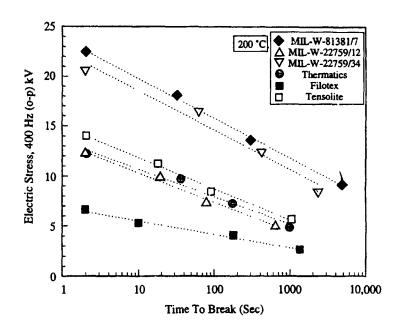
Dielectric Strength of Wiring Insulations

Insulation System	23°C kV _(0-p)	200°C kV _(o-p)
MIL-W-81381/7	25.7	22.5
MIL-W-22759/12	14.2	12.3
MIL-W-22759/34	28.9	20.7
Thermatics	14.3	12.2
Filotex	10.2	6.7
Tensolite	14.2	14.0

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Time-To-Breakdown Characteristics of Wiring Constructions at 200°C and Various Electrical Stresses



NASA Wiring for Space Applications Program Final Conclusions

- In process of completing final in-house testing.
- Final results will be printed in program final report which is to be completed.